

### The Socialist Administration and the Tax Question

HERE is a great deal of dissatisfaction among the citizens of Milwaukee because the taxes this year are considerably higher than last year.

Many people blame the Social-Democratic administration. Yet this is not only very unjust, but it shows a deplorable lack of information about the administration of affairs in this city.

The present administration has nothing to do with the taxes for this year, except that it has to enforce them. The tax levy was fixed by the former regime, by the Rose government. Our tax levy will go into effect next year.

So if any indignant citizen wants to "make a kick," he will have to send it in the direction of David S. Rose and the Democratic aggregation which still held sway last year.

However, the question of taxes is very much misunderstood on general principles.

As I have said before, the question is not how much taxes a person pays, but how much benefit the tax-payer derives from them.

A tax of \$50 a year on a cottage may be very high and costly, if the money is squandered—there are bad streets, unhealthy sanitary conditions and no benefit otherwise to the people.

On the other hand, a tax of \$50 on the same property may be very low if the tax-payer gets fine streets, excellent schools, beautiful parks, model sanitary conditions and other advantages—in short, if the city is made a fit place for decent people, and especially for working people, to live and bring up a family.

In fact, every dollar paid in taxes ought to bring its full value in benefit for all the people. And every tax-payer knows by this time that the Social-Democratic administration will try to stretch every dollar as far in that direction as it will possibly go.

However, the trouble is that we Social-Democrats have to suffer for the sins of our predecessors in this direction as in every other.

There can be no doubt that our tax system is miserable and inefficient beyond description.

There can be no doubt that a tremendous amount of property, which ought to be taxed under the law—and it is property of wealthy people—is now escaping taxation.

For instance, just take the general condition. According to the figures of the United States census for the year 1900—the latest figures available—1532 establishments owned \$162,129,641 of property in Milwaukee.

According to the assessor's figures the total valuation of the property of the city of Milwaukee in 1906 was \$201,585,127.

According to the United States Census for Manufactures in 1900, the items of cash and sundries in 1532 establishments alone were given as \$89,569,315.

But in 1906, the entire personal property of all the citizens of Milwaukee was assessed at a total of \$43,973,567, although since 1900 the city had grown tremendously.

In other words, the assessment for personal property for all the tax-payers of the entire city was less than half what the Census of Manufactures showed for 1532 establishments six years before.

Talk about tax dodging!

Another item. Last year the Milwaukee baseball club made \$50,000. But the personal taxes of the baseball magnate amounted to a few paltry dollars. Of course, I do not want to insinuate that this was because Mr. Havenor contributed to the Democratic campaign fund.

Still another illustration. Last year, the state demanded—besides the taxes on real estate and improvements and on tangible personal property—a tax upon \$2,000,000 of intangible property.

However, our city assessor in the year 1909 was able to find and assess only \$6,800,000 of intangible property.

What became of the difference of nearly \$15,500,000, on which the city was compelled to pay taxes to the state?

What is worse, the city had to raise the other assessments and the taxes on other property in order to make up to the state and the county the taxes for the \$15,000,000, which our assessor could not find.

This has been going on for years in Milwaukee.

Now what is to be done?

No doubt that even the system for real estate assessments should be changed. It is not modern and ought to be brought up to date.

For example, the city of Cleveland changed its tax system in the fall of 1909 and elected some competent men as real estate appraisers. They raised the valuations in the city of Cleveland from \$300,000,000 to \$600,000,000.

And what is of more importance, this new commission found that large properties had been greatly under-assessed in the past, while small properties had been greatly over-assessed. This was corrected and saved the small home-owners in Cleveland \$2,000,000 in taxes last year.

All property was placed on the tax list at its full market value, complying with the law, which had never been done before. But instead of this causing an outcry, it met with almost universal approval from the masses of the people in Cleveland.

Only the wealthy chronic tax-dodgers, whose property had increased enormously in value during the past ten years and who want to hog all the unearned increment, are dissatisfied with the change.

But the law in regard to placing all property on the tax list at its full value, is the same in this state. And the Social-Democratic administration intends to comply with this law. And the Social-Democratic administration intends also to adopt a system as nearly similar to the Cleveland system as possible.

Moreover, the Common Council has decided to employ ferrets to find personal property which is now escaping taxation altogether.

And an honest man, not even an honest capitalist, ought to object if the city wants to compel the tax dodgers to pay their fair share.

As the thing now stands, real estate and tangible personal property is readily discovered if the tax assessor is honest and does his duty.

Furthermore, loans secured by mortgages in the state of Wisconsin and stocks in any corporation in this state which pays taxes otherwise are exempt from taxation by the city.

But mortgages on lands in other states and countries, and stocks and bonds in corporations outside of the state of Wisconsin are not tax-free. Such securities must pay taxes—says the law. They only escape taxation if not found by the assessor.

But the average capitalist in this country has a pretty convenient memory and a very wide conscience in that respect. And men who are known to own thousands of stocks and bonds either do not own up at all, or report a ridiculously low sum.

In Germany, tax-dodgers of that kind are punished, not only by a sentence in jail—because perjury, if committed against the state—is punished there as severely as other perjury and is liable to get a man into the penitentiary for five years—but in case of detection or when the inheritance is recorded, the government has a right to collect on these, and sometimes fourteen times as much back taxes as are due. In many cases, this would

### Comment on Passing Events

By Frederic Heath  
Old age pensions! Have you ever given the subject the thought its importance warrants?

The whitewashing committee, as was to be expected, has found Billy Lorimer faithful to his trust.

Edmunds, Wash., has elected a Socialist mayor. The habit is spreading.

The workers in the industries take their lives in their hands. To pension them is the least society can do to discharge its great debt to them.

That war scare was a shame to all concerned. It was a case of the murderer boys seeking to promote their own fraud.

The crime of crimes is society's treatment of the men and women who have grown old and poor in striving for it all their lives. Security in old age is the least such people have a right to suspect.

"The history of the United States as taught in the public schools is merely modernized mythology." is the way a speaker put it the other day at a meeting in Brooklyn, and put it about right, I must say.

Phillips Chynoweth, Madison, Wis., won the first prize in the annual junior play contest at the University of Wisconsin with "The Servant of the People," a play dealing with the politics of the Social-Democratic party.

The supreme court of North Carolina has ruled that the law forbidding white slavery is unconstitutional, which means that involuntary servitude, peonage, the sale of convicts to the highest bidder and the like may be continued in that state.

The situation in Pittsburgh is said to stand thus: Ninety-eight council members (the total membership is 155) have been indicted, 15 councilmen, bankers and others, sent to prison, and 40 councilmen are still to be tried for bribery.

It has been handed down to us that there was once upon a time a trial of a man for rape in which the scoundrel's lawyer got a favorable verdict by saying, in an aside, to the jury of rakes, "We sporting men must stick together." I leave you to guess the amount to confiscation. This rigor makes tax-dodging in Germany a very dangerous business.

But this country is the paradise of the rich tax-dodger. And Milwaukee is not the only city where this is the case.

But the honest tax-payer, especially the small home-owner, has to pay the price as things are now. And so must the honest business man, manufacturer or owner of business blocks who does not stand in with the tax assessors and who does not want to resort to bribery.

All these people, including the man who pays rent, have to make up for the dishonesty of the others. They not only have to pay so much more, but since it is impossible for them to make up for the big tax-dodgers, the city is continually hard up. It has poor streets, insufficient school facilities, and it cannot meet its obligations.

Therefore the following is going to be the program of the Social-Democratic Party on the tax question.

We will assess the full value of the property as the law prescribes.

We will apply a new method which will put the main burden on those who can best afford to bear it.

And we will employ tax ferrets in order to reach the tax-dodgers.

Though it is disagreeable for a city administration, and especially for a Socialist administration, to employ spies to find tax-dodgers, yet it is no worse than employing detectives against other criminals.

Modern American cities are in the same condition as the Italian and German cities of the middle ages which had to hire condottieri and landknechte and other mercenaries to defend themselves against the robber barons.

The robber baron is upon us again—only he wears a frock coat and is a pillar of society.

### We Wish You a Merry Xmas

Thine own wish wish I thee in every place,  
The Christmas feast, the cheer, the merriment,  
Thine be the light, the joy, the gladness,  
That looks on the coming year,  
My own wish wish I thee in every place,  
Thou dear hope, thou dear wish,  
A wish fulfilled may make thee king or slave,  
I wish thee wisdom's eyes where-with to see."

application of this story to the white-wash of Senator Billy Lorimer?

There are now four Christian Socialist organizations in England, the Church Socialist League (established church), the Free Church Socialist League (non-conformists), the Catholic Socialist Society (Roman Catholic), and the Christian Socialist Fellowship.

The official count shows that Charles Edward Russell, the Socialist candidate for governor of New York, received 48,659. As usual with the Socialists, the vote for the various party candidates ran very even. His lead over the candidate for secretary of state was 180.

The people who had so much to say about John Deltz, the Cameron Dam man, getting justice from the courts, must now see how blindly they judged the situation. The courts will do Deltz up very neatly in favor of the lumber trust, and it will all be done with the utmost respect for the forms and niceties of the law.

The Social-Democrats have increased their strength in the city council of Breslau, Germany, from 2 to 8, although in the German municipal elections many working people are disfranchised. In Kiel, our comrades have just carried the city by 10,560 against 8,760 votes for the combined opposition.

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### Milwaukee to Hunt Tax Dodging Patriots!

Milwaukee: The most important measure taken up by the common council last Monday was that providing for the engaging of the firm of Workman and Higgins. This firm makes a specialty of discovering personal property as stocks and bonds which is escaping taxation. As the firm is not a local company the question was raised as to whether the city could legally employ it. While the council was in session the city attorney's opinion was brought in stating that the matter was an open question even with courts and advising the council to use its judgment in the matter.

Ald. Welch then moved that the measure be adopted at once, for as he said: "If we do not act at this time certain questionable gentlemen and patriots will escape paying their just taxes. The city can collect four years back taxes and if the matter is delayed another year which it would if not taken up at this meeting, it means that the personal property so far discovered will be exempt from one year's taxation."

In order not to rush matters unduly and to give the finance committee opportunity to make a report the council decided that the measure be adjourned until the following Thursday.

A lively debate was caused by the report of the committee on water works recommending the dismissal of a number of men from the various pumping stations and giving an increase of wages to the rest. Ald. Corcoran moved the laying over of the committee's report as he had received a telephone message requesting that the fireman's union be heard on the proposition.

Ald. Allbridge then said, he hoped the motion would not carry. The committee has made this report after a thorough investigation, even the chief engineers admit that the service would not suffer by the dismissal of the men in question. It was furthermore brought out that the men were using the union to pick chests out of the fire. For years they never manifested any interest in labor organizations until suddenly when their jobs were in question and they could use the union for their personal ends.

### When Peace on Earth and Good Will Towards Men Will Come

PEACE on earth and good will towards men—this is Christmas time and Carnegie has just given \$10,000,000 for the propagation of peace.

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But let us look at the other side.

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How is he ever to redeem himself at that rate? And if it is harder for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of Heaven, how can John D. ever escape eternal damnation in spite of all the churches he is building and the ink black heathen to whom he is sending lily white missionaries?

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Why Is High Meat?

(Written for The Herald.)
LONG before there was an international brotherhood of labor there was an international brotherhood of dollars.

Down in Argentina, South America, are big prairies adapted to cattle grazing. Slaughter houses and packing houses have been on the increase.

These facts, such as are important, are all carefully and accurately related in November consular reports sent out by the United States government.

But the one, big, significant fact is that the American meat trust will control the Argentine meat industry and therefore, with the exception of Australia, control the meat industry of the world.

These means that the Insurgents, Progressives, Single Taxers and Socialists and Labor Bunchers in the United States congress may go ahead and revise the tariff schedules down or up or crossways.

One particularly raw day, Ameringer was again assigned to speak during the noon hour. Had the speaker been a Republican or a Democrat,

the class-conscious Milwaukee workmen would have remained inside, unless the boss would have allowed the speaker to come in (which he might have done in the case of a Republican or Democrat), when they would have paid but indifferent attention.

Social-Democracy and the Federal Supreme Court

By Horace B. Wainwright, a Member of the Bar of the Court.
(Narrative for The Herald.)
IN the last Cosmopolitan, Alfred Henry Lewis, speaking of the then apparent imminence of the appointment of Elihu Root to the supreme court of the United States, says:

It is a pleasure for a Social-Democrat to soothe the apprehensions of worthy persons like Mr. Lewis, and to put their feet on sure ground. It is, of course, true that the plunderbund which has heretofore ruled and now rules this country, has seen to it that the supreme court has been MANNED (to borrow Mr. Lewis's apt word) in the interests of the plunderbund.

Lincoln's Words
In his Milwaukee speech, Sept. 30, 1859, Lincoln said:
"By the 'mud-sill' theory it is assumed that labor and education are incompatible, and any practical combination of them is impossible.

The Boy Scouts
Anderson, Ind., Dec. 14.—Invited to become a member of the National Council of the Boy Scouts, of which President Taft is honorary member, and to which council belong Col. Roosevelt, Jacob Riis, and other notables, John Spargo, the Socialist writer, declined in the following letter:

A Perpetual Swindle
In the recent campaign the Republican orators made much of the intention of the party to enact an anti-injunction law at the present session of congress and workmen were particularly invited to give their confidence to this alluring prospect.

A Financial Thought
John Purroy Mitchell, New York's acting mayor, said the other day to a reporter, apropos of a certain abuse:
"The conduct of these people is ominous. It reminds me of the famous financier.

Socialism is the New Patriotism
HUMAN life depends upon food, clothing and shelter. Only when these are secured are freedom, culture and happiness possible. To produce food, clothing and shelter, land and machinery are needed. Land by itself does not produce. It needs the skill and muscle of man and the aid of the soil by creating machinery and using it upon the land.

THE MOST STUPENDOUS SUCCESS OF THE YEAR.
POLITICAL ACTION
Invites You to Aid in Securing ONE MILLION SUBSCRIBERS
This new Milwaukee Socialist weekly leaflet newspaper is worded in pointed, direct, simple English, a page, out, and is modeled after the type which resulted in the great Socialist victory in that city.

Signal
Do you know that the
Signal
Stands for different SHIRTS
Before you buy your FLANNEL shirt ask your dealer to show you the SIGNAL Brand
Made by The Hilker-Wiechers Mfg. Co. Racine, Wis.

Roosevelt and Wall St.
The publication of the campaign contributions that were used in an effort to elect Roosevelt's candidate for governor of New York shows that the former president of the United States and J. Pierpont Morgan are still pretty good friends.

Insist Upon Having This Stamp On Your Work
PATRONIZE UNION REPAIR SHOPS
Be a unionist in all purchases. Do not confine your purchases to union label shoes alone, but see that a union shoe dresser polishes them with union label shoe polish.

When Purchasing Cigars See That This Label is on the Box
Union-made Cigars.
It is a guarantee that the cigars are not made by the trust.

The Allied Label
On printed matter is a guarantee that the work was done under fair conditions.
CAN BE FURNISHED UPON APPLICATION, WITHOUT EXTRA CHARGE.

JUNG
Right Conditions—Free, Healthy Sleep.

Always Demand Union Labeled Bread
Co-operation and Socialism—The Hope of the World.

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# A Vision of the Future World

By Silas Hood

(Written for The Herald.)

I AM looking into the future and I see a nation not having one case of poverty—NOT ONE.

I see a race of men and women perfect morally, mentally and physically.

In that new world I see tens of millions of happy, smiling faces of men, women and youth.

I hear the merry laughter of children, the songs of birds and the chirping of squirrels. The elk, antelope and dogs fraternize in joyous companionship, the huntsman's bullet no longer being a dread. It is plain to the observer that the specter of apprehension has long been unknown to man and beast.

On all sides I see harmony of thought, harmony of action, harmony of relation and harmony of intention. I see ladies and gentlemen, without exception, who would disdain to accept a service they would not be willing to return in kind.

And these are some things I do not see. I do not see one hovel or one woman or child at work in the mills, mines, factories, offices or fields. The modern twentieth century spectacle of disorder has been superseded by model places of industry and million-acre farms, and the world's work of the production of material things is being easily and speedily done by the harnessed forces of nature, automatically, or manned by men.

Neither do I see one case of tuberculosis, typhoid, nor any of the other and all preventable ills which now afflict the earth.

Prisons, jails, police, soldiers, warships, insane asylums, charitable institutions, slums, saloons, courts, dirty streets, shoddy clothing, intemperance, politicians, bankers, grafters, money lenders, profits, bums, and millionaires, and all the other beauties of so-called present-day civilization are only matters of history in this new world.

In place of all this the face of bountiful nature is dotted with spacious homes and magnificent public buildings whose harmony of design and color is in perfect contrast with the bestiality of those things now seen in our modern Coketowns and Pittsburghs in the shape of hideous sky-scrapers, crowded business blocks, and rows of houses unfit for use or shelter.

In this new world life is a joy, not a brutal struggle; life is pleasure, not discomfort. There I see life with art and life with industry. Life without joy there is known to be savagery, and life without art is known to be brutality. In art in this new world I see the complete expression of man's joy in his labor.

And what a perfect race of men I see. I see a race so perfect as to be incapable of an impure thought, to say nothing of committing an impure act.

I SEE MAN IN THIS NEW WORLD WITHOUT ENVY, MALICE, JEALOUSY, HATRED, IMPURE DESIRE, SORROW OR FEAR.

I can also see the observance of a code of ethics so different from the modern standard that many things we now regard as wrong are there recognized rights; and many deeds we now accept as right are known to be wrong.

I see before me a new world RULED BY SCIENCE AND LOVE.

And does this ideal world contain a race of satisfied men and women? Is the mind of this more perfect expression of evolution content? No, the human mind there is NOT content and the proof is there that it never will be as long as the world survives. The mind of man in this new world is constantly striving for higher, greater and better things. Men having been permitted to become so perfect morally, mentally and physically ever strives to make the world brighter than he found it. To seek to master the higher and nobler problems of life is the incentive that is moving this new world.

If man should ever reach a plane of complete satisfaction and contentment the world would go back into the night. But do not fear. Human nature is all right; it is not even partly wrong. We do not have to change human nature. It is the one powerful force in speeding man on toward the heights of truth and justice, and he will not be able to fall.

THAT NEW WORLD IS COMING AS SURELY AS IT HAS A RIGHT TO COME.

And we students of philosophy who can see this new life that is to be, and who enjoy the picture of the future so generously have no more right to this glorious vision than you. Seek and learn. The world is here for you to have, to hold and to enjoy! We are pleading with you! The proved treasures of man's master mind are for you as well as for those who have sought and found. So come COME.

And why is it that I can see this vision of the splendor of a future existence on earth and you cannot see it?

It is because I am a—but I'll not tell you. It might offend you, and perhaps you would not believe me. But you who are class-conscious will understand and will know what I am.

## A Gem from Taft's Message

One passage from President Taft's message deserves to be quoted and widely remembered. Thus:

"It seems to me that the existing legislation with reference to the regulation of corporations and the restraint of their business has reached a point where we can stop for a while and witness the effect of the vigorous execution of the laws on the statute books in restraining the abuses which certainly did exist, and which roused the public to demand reform. If this test develops a need for further legislation, well and good, but until then let us execute what we have."

It must be for our sakes that providence has sent upon us the author of this twaddle.

"The vigorous execution of the laws on the statute books," says this unfortunate gentleman.

What "vigorous execution" and what laws?

We have on the statute books laws "restraining the abuses" of trusts and of combinations in restraint of trade. Would Mr. Taft mind pointing out to us which of these laws is being "vigorously executed?"

Under these laws the number, power, audacity and criminality of the trusts daily increase. Under these laws Mr. Morgan's steel trust, absolutely immune against any law, has so bedeviled the steel market that nearly one-half of its employees are now idle. Under these laws Mr. Ryan's tobacco trust, immune against any law, is daily putting retail merchants out of business. Under these laws Mr. Morgan's and Mr. Rockefeller's railroad trust, immune against any law, is perpetrating a gigantic swindle upon the American consumer. Under these laws Mr. Morgan's milk trust, immune against any law, puts up the price of milk and makes life and health dearer for the children of the poor.

Would Mr. Taft kindly give us his opinion of these specimens of "vigorous execution?"

Where the Laws Are Executed

But under these same laws the Danbury Hatters' union has been mulcted \$200,000 for damages resulting from a strike although no such

application of the laws was ever intended.

And under these laws Messrs. Gompers, Mitchell and Morrison have been sentenced to jail for exercising the constitutional right of free speech although no such application of the laws was ever intended.

And under these laws men have been arrested and thrown into prison for the crime of striking, although no such application of the laws was ever intended.

Which of these "vigorous executions" is the particular "vigorous execution" that the president has in mind?

Some persons have thought it very wonderful that a man so dull as this should ever be president of the United States. That is not the true wonder. The really wonderful thing is that a man so dull should be alive. You would naturally expect him to put his fork into his eye instead of his mouth, or try to open a wall instead of a door.—Charles Edward Russell, in the Coming Nation.

## Military Oppression

The following significant item appeared recently in the local columns of a Denver journal:

"Because he 'forgot' to attend drill on Nov. 9, Frederick E. Heffner, a private in company B, First Infantry, Colorado National Guard, was given a sentence of fifteen days in the county jail. Execution of the sentence was suspended on promise of future compliance with duty.

"Lieut. John Watt Page, who was the complaining witness, testified that Heffner failed to attend the company drill and parade, when no good cause for his refusal existed."

The military officials, from the above item, are to invoke the aid of the civil authorities to force the common soldier to participate in the regular drills of his company.

Every scheme is being resorted to at the present time to build up the army and navy, but when coercive measures are used to swell the army that is to be used to suppress labor and prolong the reign of legalized robbery, it is reasonable to presume that such a course will be met with a resistance that will ultimately be disastrous to the Caesars of finance and commerce.—Miners' Magazine.

## By Way of Contrast

By Emanuel Julius

Capitalists. Workers. Produce nothing..... Produce everything. Own everything..... Own nothing. Eat the best food..... Eat worst food. Wear broadcloth..... Wear shoddy. Live in palaces..... Live in hovels. Own Republican party..... Support Republican party. Own Democratic party..... Support Democratic party. Cause wars..... Fight in wars. Live off industries..... Operate industries. Boss the workers..... Obey the capitalists. Exploit producers..... Never protest. Tell lies about Socialists..... Believe lies about Socialists. New York City.

The most characteristic expression of the present economic system is the trust and the monopoly.

Electricity, steam and many modern inventions have struck the death blow at manufacturing on a small scale. Competition has wiped out competition. Manufacturing on a large scale makes monopoly an inevitable condition. The trust and the monopoly are here, whether we wish it or not. The only question is whether they shall be public or private monopolies.

## Old Party Government

For years the Republican party machine in Minnesota has been the creature of the Great Northern Railroad company. For a time its reign was threatened and it has had to accept a man like Senator Clapp in the United States senate, but its hand upon the state government in Minnesota ever since Gov. Johnson's death has been heavy indeed. The real governor of Minnesota is not Eberhart but Louis W. Hill, president of the Great Northern railroad. Eberhart, now nominated to succeed himself as governor, is really nothing more than a railroad errand boy.—Ray Stannard Baker.

## What Do You Think of This?

Since society instead of the individual is responsible for the evils of unemployment, should not society as a whole bear the cost?

The Socialist answers that question

## Poor Relief in Milwaukee

By Carl D. Thompson

(Written for The Herald.)

A FEW days ago a little child died in one of the basements of the slum dwellings of Milwaukee.

The doctor said it was under-nutrition. In plain English the little child hadn't had enough to eat. It died of starvation.

In the midst of great wealth and surrounded by luxury a child dies of starvation.

But the strangest part of it is that this child was surrounded by all kinds of modern relief agencies. We have in Milwaukee a very efficient Rescue mission, with large, reinforced concrete building, costing thousands of dollars and housing all kinds of relief agencies. We also have an Associated Charities organization, upon which the people spend other thousands of dollars per year.

And besides this there is the Salvation army, that is doing splendid work in relieving the poor, putting in thousands of dollars and a great deal of very sincere effort. Then there is the Social Settlement, the Y. M. C. A., and many other charitable and philanthropic societies; besides a state employment bureau and a number of private employment bureaus.

And besides all of these we have the organization of the County Poor Relief.

Surely with all of these relief agencies it ought to be impossible for any one to suffer seriously. And yet little Johnny Niemczynski died of

starvation in the midst of plenty, and surrounded by all the modern organizations for the relief of the poor.

Her father, John Niemczynski, is a humble shoemaker. But for some time he has been unable to find work. The family struggled along as well as it could for weeks, without sufficient food, poorly clad, and wretchedly housed.

They appealed for help to the county department of outdoor relief.

But the county outdoor relief failed to relieve them for some reason or other.

So at last the distressed father appealed to the local Socialist alderman and he in turn took the case to the Associated charities. They investigated.

The matter was taken up with the outdoor relief department again, and the father was roundly denounced for making the matter public and thus bringing discredit upon the relief agencies that were doing such splendid work!

No relief. The Associated charities investigated some more.

The child died of starvation. How many more there are in this city like this little child God only knows. How many more there are underfed, poorly clad, wretchedly housed, we can only guess.

In the United States, we are told, there are ten million.

Something more than poor relief is evidently required!

## Have You a Job?

By William Restelle Shier

(Written for The Herald.)

HAVE you a job? If so, how long is it likely to last?

Have you ever stopped to figure how many weeks' working time you lose each year, or to consider why there are, always more men seeking jobs than there are jobs to be had?

According to government blue books "about one third of the total persons engaged in remunerative labor are unemployed one-third of their working time."

In other words, one workman in every three is unemployed, off and on, and sometimes even at a stretch, about four months each year.

Happily, such unfortunate circumstances do not afflict the entire population, but if all the workers are taken into account, it is found that the average person loses 27 working days each year or 11 percent of the possible working time.

Unemployment is due to the fact that the supply of labor greatly exceeds the demand for labor, while irregular employment is due to a variety of causes—to bad weather, trade depressions, seasonal fluctuations, "slut-downs," bank failures, changes of fashion, the introduction of new machinery, strikes, accidents, sickness and the ever recurring periods of "hard times."

Enforced idleness brings misfortune after misfortune upon the workman. It makes it necessary for him to run into debt, to use up his savings bank deposits, to let his insurance policies lapse, to forfeit his home, to sponge on his relatives, to allow his wife and family to become shabby, to do without medical attendance, to deny his children things they really need, to accept charity, to suffer mental anguish and to undergo physical deprivations of all sorts.

All these miseries, mind you, are brought upon him by the breakdowns of industry and the maladjustments of the commercial world, not by his own fault. The number of people who suffer unemployment thru personal inefficiency and bad habits is really very small. The mass of working people are sober, honest, frugal and industrious.

## What Do You Think of This?

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## Killing in War and Industry

"The killing of men as the mode of settling international disputes is earth's greatest disgrace."

"So says Andrew Carnegie to a chorus of cackling applause from a well-tuned press."

I would not seem to interpose a discordant note on this pleasant occasion, but a few questions seem pertinent.

What kind of a disgrace is it to kill men as a mode of making profits?

What kind of a disgrace is it to compel men to work under the conditions that prevail in the Carnegie works at Pittsburgh and Homestead?

What kind of a disgrace is it to draw interest and dividends from such conditions?

What kind of a mind is it that can be horrified at the barbarities of war and view with complacent indifference the barbarities of the present industrial system, infinitely worse than any war?

How can it be any worse to be mangled on the battle-field than to be mangled by a rolling mill or crushed by a steel beam or flamed at the forge?

Why is it terrible to have a man's arm cut off by a cannon ball and not terrible to have it cut off by a saw or crushed in a press?

Mr. Carnegie and his sappy kind fill the world with prattlings about the horrors of war. I am looking for somebody that will make a noise just as loud and insistent about the horrors of peace. If we are going into the horror business let us have both kinds. And I move to begin with the horrors of the iron and steel industry from which Mr. Carnegie gets his income and his opportunity to preach about peace. I am not much of a scene painter myself, but I will engage to produce before Mr. Carnegie some witnesses about the horrors of peace that will make all his horrors of war look like a child's book of fairy tales.

It does seem as if we had heard about enough of the Carnegie brand of both—from that particular source.

most emphatically in the affirmative.

In addition to having the state increase the demand for labor by prosecuting great public works, the Socialist would institute what is known as "government insurance against unemployment."

Insurance against unemployment is much the same as other kinds of insurance, the only difference being that instead of being indemnified for the loss of property owing to fire, or the loss of an arm owing to an accident, or the loss of time owing to sickness, you are indemnified for the loss of earnings due to being out of work.

Under the best systems of unemployed insurance the government, federal, state or municipal, establishes special bureaus to put into practice whatever scheme has been adopted.

These bureaus found labor exchanges, secure the co-operation of the employers and the trade unions, and seek to organize thoroughly the labor market.

Through these Labor Exchanges unemployed persons are helped to find work. Those who are out of work more than a certain number of days are paid "unemployed benefits," as much, say, as \$1 per day. A man who throws up his old job without sufficient cause is not entitled to these benefits, neither is a man who refuses a fairly good job when one is found for him. A minimum wage is established, and no one is required to accept a job for less than that wage, and trade unionists are not required to work in their particular trades for less than the prevailing union rates.

## An Important Consideration

Insurance of this kind would affect the workers very favorably, would it not?

The European cities, such as Ghent, Strassburg and Cologne, where the unemployed are insured in the way we have described, are either controlled by Socialists, or have a large number of Socialists upon their legislative and administrative bodies.

For a fuller understanding of this and other features of the Socialist program you must read Socialist books and subscribe for Socialist papers.

(The writer recommends comrades to get the following books from their public libraries and study them well, "Labor Problems," by Adams and Sumner, "Insurance against Unemployment," by D. F. Schloss.)

Canada.

## Social Order and Individual Freedom

There are two currents in the stream of our civilization: one that moves towards an ever greater social order and cohesion, the other that moves towards an ever greater individual freedom.

There is real harmony underlying the apparent opposition of these two tendencies, and each is indeed the indispensable complement of the other. There can be no real freedom for the individual in the things that concern him as a social unit.—Havelock Ellis.

From the close of the civil war to Cleveland the Republican party kept ahead of the Democratic party. The Republicans would advocate a measure, win and move on; the Democrats would oppose the measure advocated by the Republicans, lose and then move into the camping ground just abandoned by Republicans. Thus Democrats kept four years behind the Republicans until Cleveland got into the White house, then Cleveland took the Democratic party by the neck and seat of the pants and pitched it bodily into the Republican camp—they are one. Bryan tried to divorce them only to get kicked by the donkey.—Dakota Socialist.

Private monopoly is a curse to the nation. Thus we see the coal trust making untold millions out of the suffering of the poor; the oil trust piling up the greatest fortune the world has ever seen upon the ruin of innumerable small dealers, and in defiance of all laws and courts of justice; the meat trust sending thousands of unsuspecting human beings to an early grave by selling diseased meat, simply to make dividends and heap up

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Secretary Reislund, of Los Angeles, Cal., sends the following: "Local Los Angeles county was organized July 3, 1910. It was a confederation of eight locals which then existed in the county with a total membership of less than three hundred."

The heading over the three column article in the New York World was: "Uncle Sam after Gaylord Wilshire."—Anxious comrades who invested in Socialist's gold and rubber enterprises start an inquiry which has resulted in charges of stock jobbing.—Arenum company said to be a child of imagination.—It professes to be a British Guiana concern, but has no existence there as a corporation.—Wilshire now in London selling stock.—Wife says he will return to face his foes.

The heading over the New York Sun's two column story said: "Wilshire is across the sea.—Still fishing for American dollars from fool comrades.—The great Socialist ready money mine has yet to turn the Socialist body into the plutocracy that Wilshire's guidance promised to make it."

The heading of the Times article was: "New Wilshire offer angers Socialists.—Editor, who has gone to London to live seeks to sell more mining stock here.—Members of the party who have found his ventures unprofitable warn others of experience."

According to the information made public by Postoffice Inspector Booth of New York, a man named Boag, a contractor of Vancouver, paid Wilshire \$23,000 less than a year ago for Bishop Creek stock with the strict understanding that the whole amount was to be used to purchase a mill for the mine. Wilshire has failed to invest a dollar of this money, according to the story, in the purchase of a mill or for the development of the property and Boag has gone to London in pursuit of the mine promoter and he promised before he left to notify Scotland Yard of Wilshire's peculiar methods.

Extracts from the capitalist press articles follow: "The extent of the federal government's investigation into the affairs of Gaylord Wilshire, the Socialist editor of Wilshire's Magazine and promoter of gold mines which the postoffice inspectors believe to be stock jobbing frauds, became known yesterday when Postoffice Inspector Booth returned from an inspection of the Wilshire properties in California."

"Wilshire is now in London selling stock, and it is thought he will remain there, for as soon as he again places foot in the United States he is liable to arrest."

"The amount of money which the federal authorities believe he has already obtained from credulous investors in his Bishop Creek Gold company, the Arenum Rubber and Gold company, limited, of British Guiana, and the South American Gold company is \$750,000."

"In British Guiana Wilshire has a bona fide concern, known as the Arenum Mining company, which is now producing several thousand dollars' worth of ore every week. But not content with the success which he might have achieved from ownership in this company, Wilshire started in selling stock in the Arenum Rubber and Gold company, limited, of British Guiana, which concern, it is charged, only exists in the glowing imagination of its creator, who on account of it

UNEMPLOYMENT
A NEW BOOKLET ON THE BIGGEST PROBLEM
Written by SENATOR GAYLORD
Senator Gaylord introduced, at the last session of the Wisconsin legislature, a resolution, in the form of a petition to congress, asking for immediate action to relieve the unemployment problem in this country.

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"DON'T CRY, JIMMIE, HE MAY COME YET. PERHAPS HE HAS TO USE THE STREET CARS, LIKE OTHER PEOPLE"



Chas Geo Burt's Herald.

has taken in hundreds of thousands of dollars from the 'comrades.' "From the report of Inspector Booth, who was sent to investigate the Bishop Creek Gold company, whose claims are in California about fifty miles from Goldfield, it was learned that the Wilshire concern has no mill in operation on this property, although the property itself is there in abundance, and that there is nothing to justify the extravagant advertising claims set forth in Wilshire's Magazine and other publications."

"The reports received from British Guiana, however, form the principal belief of the postal authorities that if ever Wilshire is dislodged from England they will be able to put a stop to one of the worst stock jobbing schemes ever developed in the United States."

"One of these documents is a letter written by Wilshire in Chicago on Oct. 2, 1909, addressed to Lefingwell, his New York manager. Postoffice Inspector Kincaid was struck by the extremely naive character of this letter, particularly the part of it touching upon Mr. Vinton wherein Wilshire himself admits that he has been engaged in the business of 'working the stockholders and investors.'"

"Now, if Mr. Vinton would put himself in my shoes for a little while, the letter reads, he might be more reasonable. My agreement with him was that I was to get all my money back from South America first, and then we were to share the profits—one-third to him and two-thirds to me. There was nothing said about issuance of any stock to him whatsoever. It was merely an agreement that after I got all through with the deal he was to get one-third of my profits from working of the mine and not one-third of profits of working the stockholders and investors."

Socialist Elected
William H. Cook was elected mayor of the city of Edmonds, Wash., in the municipal election held Dec. 5, and on the same date the Socialists of North Yakima polled an enormously increased vote and came very close to electing the full ticket.

George W. Andrews was elected alderman of the city of Rockville, Conn., in the municipal election held Dec. 5.

Reading, Pa. Socialists last week held a victory dinner in the Auditorium hall to celebrate the election of James Maurer to the state legislature. Maurer evoked great applause by saying that after the legislature was over he would visit Milwaukee to secure pointers for the use of the Reading membership.

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Why Is It?

By Henry T. Jones. (Written for The Herald.) Why is it that the class building the jails generally occupies them?

Why is it that the working class builds all the mansions and castles and never lives in them?

Why is it that the harder the working class labors the quicker a panic arrives?

Why is it that the class which produces ALL the food frequently is confronted with starvation?

Why is it that the industrious poor who produce all the fine raiment should be clad in shoddy material?

Why is it that 600,000 persons die in the United States every year from preventable causes?

Why is it that the workers who produce all the gold and make all the fine watches have fewer timepieces, if they have any at all?

Why is it that children are working in the industrial plants while their fathers are denied an opportunity to work?

Why is it that the workers build electric light plants and man them and are content to use kerosene lamps and candles in their rented or mortgaged homes?

Why is it that the industrious build the palace cars for a leisure class and seem content to occupy the day coaches?

Why is it that the industrious "can't afford" to have luxuries which they create?

Why is it that the class producing all the money has very little of it?

Why is it that the idle leisure class has the most health, wealth and pleasure?

Why is it that the workers who should about the glories of the constitution they have never read?

Why is it that the workers vote against confiscating the railroads, but vote for a system that confiscates their limbs in the mills, factories and elsewhere?

Why is it that the judges elected by the workers always render decisions against the workers?

Why is it that poor folk don't know that if they could stand together on election day that the rich wouldn't stand a chance on earth?

Why is it that the working class builds the warships and other implements of murder to be used to slaughter members of the same class?

Why is it that the working class of Milwaukee stands alone as an expression of its ability to manage the city it has builded?

Why is it that the great and powerful majority class is represented in the congress of the United States by only one, while the miserable little minority class has 300 representatives elected by the majority class?

Isn't it odd that a captain in the army named French, who has been well fed and well groomed to be a loyal courier of the exploiting class, and well trained to dominate over those who are denied advantages and by brute force are forced to do the world's work SHOULD KNOW THE REASON WHY, and should loudly proclaim the feelings of his outraged soul against the monstrous wrongs the best manhood and womanhood of the world has been made to endure—isn't it odd that he should know the reason why and the great mass of disinherited should not know it?

Isn't it too odd, too, that the cunning and arrogant capitalist class doesn't know that its doom is sealed and that before many years roll by the great useful class will come into possession of its own? But that is what is to be as sure as it has a right to be. If it were to be other than that, there would be no hope for the world. The working class must save itself. The capitalists are powerless to save this great useful class. And the workers have to save themselves. Why? Because they alone have the power and they also have the brains. And they are going to win because human nature is all right and not all wrong, and because they are sure to make use of their power and mental ability in the right direction.

In conclusion, I would say: Keep this great interrogation why is it?—in your mind a few times between now and 1914 and a new civilization will be.

Milwaukee, Wis.

Half Hours in the Herald Sanctum

The People Awakening TO THE EDITOR.

It seems quite a little excitement has been caused by the election of Victor L. Berger to the United States congress by the Socialists of that district, followed by the threatened attempt to defeat him, made by the defeated Republican candidate. And well it may. The fact that Berger is the first Socialist to be elected to congress is enough to "excite" those who are not in sympathy with the movement he represents, for they can but realize it to be the signal that Social Democracy is at last to be reckoned with. I was born and raised a Republican, yet I can see the dawning of a new morning; I realize it is coming, and the efforts of a few unthinking people such as advocated the unseating of Berger will have just the opposite effect to what they are striving for, for you will notice, if you study the subject, that all down the ages the class that is now fighting Berger and the movement he represents is the same class that has fought every reform movement in the past, be such reform religious, social or economic. And the harder this class has fought every advancement, the faster it has come; this is history. The same man, Lovjoy, whose paper was attacked three times and

finally destroyed, and Lovjoy himself shot, for advocating the abolition of slavery; yet the more martyrs and the more persecution, the faster the movement he represented developed, until chattel slavery was overthrown. It does seem that the people that oppose the Socialist movement should know enough of the laws of nature at this time to change their tactics. Should they all turn tables and advocate the same they are now fighting it would retard the real progress of it tenfold more than their opposition and antagonistic attitude toward those who are struggling to abolish industrial slavery, can do.

At last the masses are awakening and as they awake they no longer turn a deaf ear to the call, "Workers of the world, unite." They no longer swallow the bitter pill of poverty with a smile just because they are sugar coated with campaign promises; they have learned from bitter experience that the sugar all cracks off their poverty pills on election day, and that they taste all the more bitter because of the blinded hopes, in the weary months following. No longer can the "masses" cry of "What are we doing?" be answered by the "masses" cry of "What are we doing?" No longer do they believe reform can ever relieve their oppression, for they are awakening to the

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fact that if it were possible to put in practice every pledge of the old parties, thus giving every reform promised, it could not possibly bring about a just and equal distribution of the wealth of the world, simply because the system of government itself is based upon the wage system, and realizing this, they know their only hope lies in revolution instead of reform. But every Socialist, true (to the name, realizes this revolution, which only means the change from one system, or method, of government to another, can and should be brought about by gradual and peaceful methods. They plead for the workers of the world to unite, and united industrially and politically they can and will gain the victory with ballots, not bullets, unless the educational work now being waged by Socialists fails to awaken the slumbering workers. W. H. BOOTS.

A Friend? TO THE EDITOR. There is an old German who talks brokenly, who represents himself to be from Milwaukee. He visits the outlying locals, makes speeches and tells the Milwaukee way, and has the appearance of being well-to-do—said he was a fresco painter by trade. After a while he meets the comrades singly, and he has had bad luck, has been robbed, is sick, and he wishes to borrow \$10, \$20, or more, to get to a certain place where his friends are. He would scorn charity. He will telegraph the money as soon as he gets to the certain place where his friends or property is. His name was Henry Nessler here, Henry Hollan in Montrose, Colo., and anything anywhere.

The district attorney says it is legal to borrow any money you can on any old name that suits.

This man obtained some \$50 in Montrose, Colo., and got me for \$200 and the comrades in Seattle and Chehalis, Wash., and at Medford, Ore, he got more. He must make several thousand dollars a year at his little game, besides doing untold injury to the cause.

P. W. BRITTS. Oregon. An Effective Agitator TO THE EDITOR. Last night closed one of the most wonderful meetings that ever took place in Shadleford county, a series of three lectures on Christian Socialism by Comrade William A. Ward, secretary of the Christian Socialist Fellowship. I say it was wonderful because of the intense interest manifested in spite of the prejudice that has always existed here against Socialism and its teachings. Several months ago we arranged for this meeting and we hardly dared hope we could make it a success, but he came, he saw, he conquered. We had a meeting that will be long remembered, not only by comrades that are laboring for the cause, but by the hardened sinners that are fighting us on every inch of the ground.

The first night he took up the subject of the rich man and Lazarus and gave us a touching picture of capital and grand against humanity and suffering. The second night he took up Socialism from a Bible standpoint.

The church was filled the third night by crowding the seats were filled long before the hour of beginning.

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STATE OF WISCONSIN, MILWAUKEE County Court—In Probate. In the matter of the Estate of Joseph Kinzel, deceased.

Wringing the Rubber Trust's Neck!

Purchasing agent Campbell succeeded in breaking an iron clad agreement among the firms composing the Rubber Trust.

Milwaukee Co. Organization

The Town of Wauwatosa branch No. 1, S.-D. P., has arranged for a grand schafskopf tournament, to be held at John Koepke's hall, Thirty-ninth street and Grand avenue, Saturday evening, Dec. 31.

Effect of Commutation Tickets and Free Transfers on Street Railway Earnings in Milwaukee

The combined effects of commutation tickets and free transfers on street railway earnings in Milwaukee are shown plainly in the MILWAUKEE ELECTRIC RAILWAY AND LIGHT COMPANY'S revenue per passenger from year to year.

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MILWAUKEE COUNTY—COUNTY COURT—In Probate. In the matter of the Estate of Frank Liffing, deceased.

JEWELRY AS Christmas Gifts. C. H. Koch, Jeweler and Optician, 427 ELEVENTH AVENUE.

The Socialist Maennerchor has arranged for an afternoon entertainment and ball, to be held April 30, 1911, at the Bain Frei Turner hall, North avenue, near Twelfth street.

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Federated Trades Council of Milwaukee

HEADQUARTERS—318 STATE ST. TELEPHONE—GRAND 1742 Meetings on 1st and 3d Wednesdays (8 P.M.)... OFFICERS: Corresponding Secretary—JOHN REICHERT, 318 State St.



Missouri Pacific Strike Won!

The Missouri Pacific strike has been settled. The railroad company made an unconditional surrender. Wages have been increased 3 cents an hour, nine-hour day was granted.

News of Organized Labor

Conducted by Walter S. Fishery Address all Communications to 318 State St.

Peoria, Ill.—New contracts were closed a week ago with the Canning distillery, the Great Western distillery and the Atlas distillery...

Utica, N. Y.—The Typographical union of this city recently put a new book and job scale in effect which carries with it an increase in wages of \$1.50 per week from Oct. 6, 1910...

Worcester, Mass.—The Iron Molders' union of this city was recently successful in securing a \$3 minimum wage rate for a nine-hour day.

Streator, Ill.—The publishers of the three daily papers in this city, having refused the demands of the members of the Typographical union, have been forced to temporarily suspend publication.

Indianapolis, Ind.—The stove mounters of the Home Stove works recently joined the union, made demands for the union shop, an increase in wages and better conditions...

Kansas City, Mo.—The Leather Workers on Horse Goods succeeded in inducing every employer in the city to grant the 55-hour week on Nov. 1.

Haverhill, Mass.—The members of the Brotherhood of Teamsters recently entered into new agreements with the furniture dealers of this city...

Newburg, N. Y.—A minimum wage rate of \$3 per day has been secured by the members of the Iron Molders' union in this jurisdiction...

Elizabeth, N. J.—The Typographical union of this city completed negotiations with the employers last month which resulted in a material wage increase for its members.

Federated Trades Council. Regular meeting of Federated Trades council, Dec. 21, 1910.

The regular meeting of the Federated Trades council was called to order by the secretary, Bro. Emil Wolberger in the chair, J. Hendrickson, vice chairman.

Minutes of meeting of Dec. 7 were approved as read. New delegates seated from Horse-shoers No. 11, Stonecutters, Coopers No. 35, Barbers No. 50, Bakers No. 207 and Machinery Movers No. 47.

Minutes of the Label section were read and filed. Machinery Movers No. 47 delegates asked the moral support of organized labor in assisting them to have all such work done by union men.

The delegates of Barbers' union No. 50 explained to the council why the Allied Printing trades label did not appear on each of their due stamps, as the stamps were printed in sheets and the label was on the margin of the sheet.

The delegates of the Truck teamsters reported that the Sutton Fuel and Cartage company, 643 Third street, teamsters had been organized and they could now deliver coal by union teamsters.

Executive board report was read and taken up serially. The board recommended that a committee of five be appointed to investigate the advisability of establishing a co-operative bakery.

refusing to pay for services of teller in the Brewery Engineers' vote, was received. Council decided to pay bill. A communication from Textile workers was referred to Label section.

The resolution of the Pattern makers and question of appointing a committee for soliciting funds for the John F. Deitz family defense fund were laid over to next meeting.

The joint executive board of the Brewery workers asked the approval of the following report in relation to the Weber Brewing company of Waukesha, which has so far absolutely refused to recognize the union men and union conditions:

Milwaukee, Wis., Dec. 21, 1910. To the Executive Board and Members of the Federated Trades Council, Milwaukee, Wis.

Dear Comrades: At the last meeting of the joint executive board of the Brewery Workers' union of this city, I was instructed to inform you that the Weber Brewing company, of Waukesha, Wis., is a non-union concern.

We would therefore kindly ask that the Federated Trades council do all in its power to make this concern acknowledge our organization.

The Joint Executive Board of the United Brewery Workers of Milwaukee, Wis., Gustav Richter, secretary.

Read to council. A communication with circular attached from Boot and Shoe Workers' union No. 171, in which it was announced that certain suspended members of said union were endeavoring to organize a dual organization, was read to the council.

RECEIPTS FOR EVENING Coopers, 35 \$4.05 Barbers, 50 3.00 Garment Workers, 71 3.63 Boiler Makers, 302 3.00 Chauffeurs, Hack and Cab Drivers, 790 2.50 Travelers' Goods and Leather Novelties Workers, 300 3.00 Postal Clerks, 40 3.00 Lathers, 10 2.20 Plumbers' Laborers, 1 1.40 Painters, 159 3.90 Beer Bottlers, 213 30.00 Carpenters, 188 2.80 Boiler Makers' Helpers, 202 2.30 Electrical Workers, 528 1.05 Carpenters, 1519 .97 Bartenders, 64 2.25 Sign Painters, 922 2.00 Bridge and Structural Iron Workers, 8 7.50 Plumbers, 75 7.11 Boot and Shoe Workers, 170 1.50 Brotherhood of Railroad Car-men, 319 3.00 Bridge Tenders Protective association 13039 2.40 John Reichert, Labor Day tickets 55.00 Steamfitters, 18 4.50 Sheet Metal Workers, 24 3.00 Carpenters, 1748 4.77 Capmakers, 16 3.64 \$160.78

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There being no further business, council adjourned. FRANK J. WEBER, Rec. Sec'y pro tem.

While the Milwaukee garment workers' strike has been peacefully settled by the "dangerous" Socialist administration, the "safe and sane" administration in Chicago is resulting in daily riots and slaughter.

J. J. Handley was elected president of Machinists' lodge, No. 66; Oscar Palm, recording secretary; George Mutter, treasurer, and W. Allridge, financial secretary.

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In Seidelberg

The Common council in the special adjourned meeting, decided to engage the firm of Workman and Higgins to hunt up all taxable property now escaping taxation.

Ald. Bogk bitterly opposed the measure. He stated that the tax ferret system is vicious and demoralizing.

The tax ferretting will cost the city nothing. The firm agrees to pay for any litigation which may result.

In discussing the legality of engaging tax ferrets Ald. Welch stated: "The supreme court has the last guess on the matter."

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Advertisement for Merry Christmas from The American Shoe Store, located at 575-577 Mitchell Street.

Advertisement for a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from Jandt & Bluemel, located at 703-705 Muskego Ave.

Advertisement for THANK YOU from J. A. Stearns, 193 Third Street, expressing gratitude to patrons.

Large advertisement for Toys, Dolls, and Tree Ornaments with 33% and 50% off, and 1/4, 1/3, and 1/2 off on other items.

Advertisement for a 35c Train and 15c Cars, featuring an image of a train.



Advertisement for a 90c Dressed Doll and 60c Prettily Dressed, Jointed Sleeping Doll.

preme court decides.

Wednesday evening the committee investigating the election frauds in the Eighteenth ward held a hearing.

City Atty. Hoan, in introducing as evidence the result of the voting in that precinct, called attention to the fact that while the entire Democratic vote in the precinct averaged 390, that of J. M. Carney was about 370 below.

while Henry F. Cochems ran 240 ahead of his party. In the race for district attorney, he pointed out, the vote cast for Charles A. A. McGee was 280 above that of his party, and that cast for Albert C. Runkel was 272 below that of his party.

The returns are such that something must have gone wrong, said Ald. Carney, after he had cross-examined Peter Zigmanski, the Democratic challenger in the precinct.

It is remarkable that just the precinct in which the most ignorant voters live was the one in which the largest amount of splitting was done. That this was not done by the voters but instead, by the officials, is shown by the testimony of Michael Rick, 1166 North Water street, an assisted voter.

When asked to describe a voting machine, he said that it contained only one lever, that which opened and closed the curtains. He said that he asked Stachiewicz to show him how to vote the Democratic party vote, but all he was shown was how to pull that lever back and forth.

In all probability the great amount of splitting in that booth was not due to the wishes of the voter, but rather to the manipulation of the inspectors.

It is for that reason that the Social-Democrats insist that the regulations respecting assistance be lived up to, so that there be as little assistance as possible in order to prevent possible fraud.

The meeting was adjourned to next Wednesday, at 7:30 p. m. It takes place in the committee room on the second floor of the city hall.

For ten years no installments have been paid on the contracts for land purchased for park purposes, so that the city will be compelled to spend \$354,000 for that purpose next year, of which about \$700,000 is for installments on tracts recently purchased.

"When these lands were contracted for twenty years ago, it was assumed that they would be paid for in yearly installments," said City Comptroller C. P. Dietz, on Thursday.

"Instead each succeeding administration has paid only the interest, adopting a general 'let George do it' policy for meeting the principal, and now we are saddled with the payment of the principal next year."

City officials are not particularly pleased with having the Social-Democratic administration saddled with such a debt, and not much praise is heard of the conscientiousness of former administrations.

To meet these payments it will be necessary to cut estimates in every department, and it is likely that proposed salary raises may have to be abandoned.

The finance committee is busy taking up the various salary increase ordinances, and in last Thursday's meeting killed more than a dozen of them. Out of a total estimated increase of \$25,000 only \$7,540 was acted upon favorably.

Taxes

When the Social-Democrats took hold of the city's administration old party politicians made the remark "We've got them fixed." And they certainly had spared no efforts to put obstructions in the way of the Socialists. They made a budget which would necessitate an increase of taxes. They left a deficit of \$200,000 when they went out, they never made any payments on land contracts for the last ten years, so that the Socialists face the payment of the entire accumulation in one year and the worst of it is, the tax commissioner who has charge of assessment, is a hold-over from the Rose administration, and the assessment was not in accord with the Social-Democratic administration.

The Social-Democrats believe that the taxation at present is unjust to the small property owner. For this reason they contemplated bringing tax ferrets who should try to ascertain such personal property which is untaxed. It is notorious how little of the personal property of the richest of men is found in the assessment rolls.

The Somers system of valuation will be probably inaugurated in order that the property down-town will pay its just share in proportion to that of the small propertyholder in the outskirts. That it will be effective is shown by the opposition to it by the Merchants and Manufacturers' association. But the Social-Democrats will stick to their plans and hope by next year to have a more just apportionment of taxes.

Wisconsin State Organization

Winfield E. Gaylord, 344 Sixth St., Milwaukee, Wis., state organizer, to whom news and other matters of this department should be sent.

La Crosse

Two charters have been sent to two new branches in La Crosse. One is a charter for North La Crosse, of which Comrade Rick is secretary. The other is an organization of German-speaking comrades with fifteen members. These, with the original branches in La Crosse, make three branches in that city. The large increase in the Social-Democratic vote in La Crosse has encouraged the comrades there to build up a good, strong organization, which we hope will do very efficient work from now on.

Monroe County

The comrades of this county are planning a county organization. They will send a delegate from each local in Monroe county and arrange for the county work and for the organization of two or three new branches. Comrade McCaleb will aid them in getting the organization together and starting it on the work before it. He held a street meeting in Sparta last week with good success.

Green Bay

Branch 1 of Green Bay has admitted thirteen new members and gives promise of continuing to forge ahead along these lines. The comrades of Town of Allouez, which is a suburb of Green Bay, have decided that they can do their work best by uniting with the Green Bay Local. They have voted to amalgamate and form one branch, as they believe that they can do more work and at less expense by co-operating in this manner. There is a good prospect for electing an alderman or two in Green Bay at their next city election. Watch the smoke of Green Bay local.

Juneau County

Comrade McCaleb made a trip through Juneau county last week. The Socialists elected a coroner in this county at the last election. The capitalist press reported that Comrade McCaleb went to Juneau county to confer with him in regard to holding an inquest over the Democratic party.

Oconomowoc

Eighty new subscribers to the Social-Democratic Herald and Vorwarts in Oconomowoc shows that the men who voted the Social-Democratic ticket in November in that town are determined to stay with the movement and that the Oconomowoc vote was not a "fluke." We are expecting to see a strong organization in Oconomowoc in the near future.

Vernon County

There is prospect of a new branch in this county. Our organizer is hoping to organize Stoddard. There is material for a Social-Democratic local in this town.

Rhineland

Comrade Lynn Thompson writes that Rhineland comrades have been holding a series of card parties every two weeks at which they serve lunch and Socialist propaganda. At each of these parties a twenty minutes' talk on Socialism is given. In this way outsiders are brought in and instructed in Socialist principles. The only difficulty is that the hall is too small for the crowd. This is a very effective method of attracting and educating non-Socialists.

E. H. THOMAS, State Sec'y.

People's Auditorium Concert Tomorrow

Don't neglect to attend the Sunday concert at the Auditorium. They are given especially for the benefit of the working class, at the very low admission price of 10 cents. You should make it a point to hear as many of these concerts as you can. Take your family, if possible.

Advertisement for Ethical Hall Lectures by Harvey Dee Brown, Christian Socialist Fellowship, Sunday Evenings, 558 Jefferson Street.

The Eleventh Ward Neighborhood Civic club has arranged for a lecture, to be held at the Eleventh District school No. 2, in the assembly hall, next Tuesday evening, Dec. 27, at 8 p. m. The school is located on the corner of Tenth and Forest Home avenues. The speaker for this occasion will be State Senator Winfield R. Gaylord, and his subject will be "Social Self-Control." A general discussion will follow the lecture. Everybody is cordially invited to attend. A general election of officers for the Neighborhood Civic club will be held on Tuesday evening, Jan. 3, at the school assembly hall.

E. T. MELMS, Pres. pro tem. AUGUST WOLFF, secretary pro tem.

AT THE THEATERS

ALHAMBRA—"The Nigger"

"The Nigger," Edward Sheldon's remarkable race problem play, will be the Christmas week attraction at the Alhambra theater, with Guy Bates Post in the original character. The engagement will open on Sunday night, and there will be a special holiday matinee Monday in addition to the regular performance on Wednesday and Saturday.

DAVIDSON—"Bright Eyes"

The Christmas week attraction at the Davidson, with a special holiday matinee on Monday and regular matinee Wednesday and Saturday, will be Jos. M. Gaites' biggest musical play "Bright Eyes," which comes to Milwaukee with the identical company that played it during its run in New York. The new play is by the authors of "Three Twins," "Madame Sherry," and "The Girl of My Dreams," and its popularity bids fair to at least equal the popularity of those world famous successes.

BIJOU—"Brewster's Millions"

Probably no book dramatization of recent years has enjoyed the success and popularity that has attended "Brewster's Millions," George Barr McCutcheon's remarkable tale of frenzied finance, which comes to the Bijou tomorrow afternoon. The title character is in the capable hands of Carl Gerard and the supporting company is one of exceptional merit. There will be a special matinee next Monday.

The most popular play of the age, "Paid in Full," will be seen at popular prices at the Bijou New Year's week.

MAJESTIC—Vaudeville

Amelia Stone will make her first vaudeville appearance here on Christmas day as a headliner at the Majestic theater, assisted by Armand Kachich in a dainty singing sketch, Dan Burke, assisted by Miss Mollie Moller, and the Wonder Girls. Other acts include the "Town Hall Minstrels," Lou Anger, "the German soldier," Connelly and Webb, Ed Wynn and O'Malley Jennings, Miss Lavina Skamouja and company, in "Blocking His Game."

CRYSTAL—Vaudeville

An important event in Milwaukee vaudeville is the engagement for next week at the Crystal of "Paris by Night," with M. Mollaso's "Apache" dancers who have created a sensation in the biggest vaudeville houses of the country. Allen Doone and company, in their Irish playlet, "Sweet Molly O." Next on the program come the wonderful Ishikawa Japanese troupe. Sully and Hussey, in their clever skit, "A Day at the Races." Jack Post, the celebrated baritone singer, completes the bill.

GAYETY—Burlesque

At the Gayety the holiday spirit will be rampant all week during the engagement of the popular Trocadero burlesquers. The opening show will be given Sunday afternoon. The offering will be along novel lines. It is a new musical comedy in two acts, called "Finney at the North Pole," preceded by a prologue. The tuneful music was composed by Harry Alford.

NEW STAR—Burlesque

The attraction at the new Star theater commencing Sunday matinee will be the famous "Jolly Girls," who will take the audience back to the good old days of real fun, wit, humor, clever dancing and excellent singing to the accompaniment of bright and catchy music. The program is in two acts and an olio with the usual number of High class specialties, including The Three Armstrongs, comedy cyclists; Miss Beatrice Harlowe, Geo. Scott, Grace Patton, Lucilla Temple.

EMPERESS—Vaudeville

The new bill at the Empress for Christmas week, beginning Sunday matinee, will be the banner bill of the season. All acts are headliners. Eddie Girard and Jessie Gardner, the Three Alexs, Six Gypsy Singers, Le...

Christmas prices "just the same" 10-cents and 20 cents.

EMPIRE—Stock Company

Stock of the best kind is the attraction at the Empire, with the celebrated Clara Turner Stock company, of New York, playing Owen Davis' five act melodrama, entitled "Anita the Singing Girl." This will be the first week of stock at the Empire.

COLUMBIA—Stock Players

The Morris-Thurston Stock company, in the beautiful four act drama, "Piney Ridge," by David Higgins, is the opening attraction at the Columbia, commencing Monday Christmas matinee, at 2:45 p. m. It is in four acts, with special scenery and magnificent effects.

The Second Ward bank will this year again give all employees, a month's salary as a Christmas present.

Advertisement for Merry Christmas from Peirce Bros. & Furnishers, featuring a logo and text about solving Christmas problems.

Advertisement for Meat is Cheaper and So is Poultry, listing various specials and prices.

Advertisement for Peter Schupmehl, Balcon and Palm Garden, 820 State St.

Advertisement for Anton Glassl, 557 Third St., between Walnut and Thomas Sts.

Advertisement for Emil Bachmann, Jeweler and Optician, 811 Third St., near North Avenue.

Advertisement for Dr. E. E. Schuster, Dentist, 2315 Fond du Lac Ave.

Advertisement for Caspar Hach, Baker and Confectioner, 927 Kinnickinnic Av.

Advertisement for Bon Rheinfrank, Union Made Hats, Caps and Men's Furnishings, 1400 Green Bay Avenue.

Advertisement for Adolph Heumann, Saloon, 826 Chestnut St., Milwaukee.

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Advertisement for THE HOME TEA CO., 265 State St., Milwaukee, featuring a full line of groceries.

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Advertisement for The Home Photo Mill, 1000 and Prairie Sts., Opposite Stelmeyer's.

Advertisement for Moll's Shoes, 1041 Muskego Avenue, Closed Sundays.

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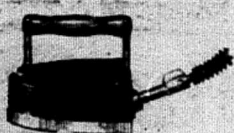
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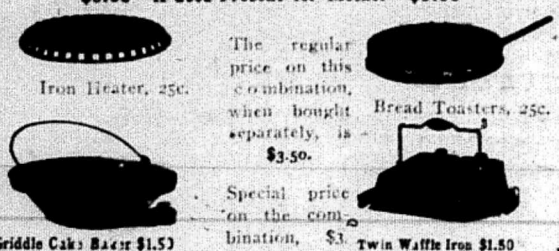


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### Register of Deeds Hunger's Appointments

Deputy—Oscar Walz. Chief Clerk—Matt. J. Guenther. August F. Buess. J. J. Skeffington. H. E. Ruggaber.

### GAYETY Gals Holiday Attraction

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## If Berger Goes to Jail

"They're sayin'," said Casey, "th' Berger may go 't jail fr' contimps iv' court. I wonder will he."

"I dunno," answered Flannigan. "Annyway, 'tis not sobad. Lukin' at all over, 'tis no worse thin goin' t' Congress."

"Praps not," said Casey. "Shill, it cud be botter. This inhabitin' th' county Bastille wid Sheriff Arnold as chief custodian iv' th' donjon keep may be no suely snap as it has been in years past. Ye niver c'd tell what wan iv' thim wild-eyed rayforrens might do wid a helpless captive."

"Suppose Arnold comes don t' business on New Year's mornin' an' finds Berger glarin' through a gratin' 'Oho," says he. "There ye are, ye abandoned criminal, ye," he says, shakin' hands wid him. "Come down, ye 't th' office," he says, "while I conduct a plan t' kape ye humble an' contrite an' mind fr'm dwellin' on deeds iv' violence," he says. "First iv' all, I wish ye t' undherstand th't I do not wish t' be harsh wid ye. Strict discipline must an' shall be maintained," he says, "but I have no daysire t' be unnecessarily cruel. Such small home comforts as ye have been accustomed to, such as ye'r half-hourly bath an' ye'r brunette manicurist," he says, "I shall not forbid ye. But duty is duty," he says, "ye will get no pie fr' breakfast. Ye don't want anny. I know ye don't, but just th' same ye will get none. An' ye

must sthoph smokin'. I know ye do not smoke, but ye must sthoph annyhow. I forbid it. Furthermore," he says, "anny flowers sint ye be Bill Stifford, Charlie McGee or Hinnerly Cochems will be confiscated. I may be a bit hard wid ye," he says, "but I must do somethin' t' live up t' th' dynamite-and-shotgun reppythation th't wan iv' me illustrious predecissors handed me durtin' th' campaign. I may luk like a mild an' peaceful citizen, but I will chavie ye undherstand I am a rootin'-tootin' rivvlyutionist, an' I wud not be doin' me duty be Tawn Neavey were I t' indulge ye," he says. An' as fr' havin' Gaylord an' Thompson an' th' rist iv' that riotous bunch down here iv'ry night, singin' an' carousin' till mornin' an' maybe kavin' some iv' th' police awake, I tell ye want fr' all I'll not stand fr' it. Annythin'," he says, "in reason I will grant ye. As fr' ye'r proposition iv' movin' the plant iv' th' Social-Dimmycratic Herald down here," he says, "I can give ye at prisint no definite answer. I will give th' matter careful considheration. More I cannot promise ye."

"Poor Berger," said Flannigan. "Tis a bitter hard life in jail!" "Tis that," assented Casey, "but it has its ricompenses. Wid that qualification he shud be able t' give Debs an' Russell a hot run fr' th' Prsidential nomination." A. E. CHASE. North Milwaukee.

## Town Topics by the Town Crier

It is to be noticed that the organs of the wealth interests do not at all approve of the idea of tax ferrets.

The public, that has been hoping for years to see the court house get its much needed cleaning out, will soon have their wish partially satisfied.

The suggestion is made that The Sentinel's account of the toilettes at the late charity ball would furnish some light for the next personal tax assessment.

Whatever is the common council thinking of with that tax ferret business? Does it want to drive our esteemed fellow citizen, John I. Beggs, from Milwaukee entirely?

Good skating in the parks will add to the fund of health enjoyed by our young people. The Social-Democrats have met a need in the Eighth ward by establishing a free skating pond at Seventh avenue and Scott street.

The proposed reorganization of the Republican party in Milwaukee on clean lines and without office seeking and office promising has but one flaw. It is proposed by just the men that are to blame for the present condition.

While the street railway advertising is so careful to tell us how much it costs it to give transfers and sell commutation tickets, it is significantly silent on the subject of how much it makes by its double fare to the outskirts, West Allis, etc.

The shocking deaths of firemen in Chicago again show how hazardous the life is. And this is a good time to resolve to get the Milwaukee pension law straightened out so that the rights of a fireman or policeman shall not be at the whim of a politician chief.

The revelations in the Connors primary expense account and the scandalous aggregate reported by it, again points the worst defect of the law—it forces corruption money into politics. And it tends to give the rich man and the crook the inside track. The rich man because he has money, the crook because he is willing to go to the corporations to get money.

Niezorowski, the inspector now under charges, smoothly told the investigation committee that the sentiment for McGee and Cochems in the Polish precinct of the Eighteenth Ward "was very strong." That's pretty good, for a joke! And it ought to make the battle-scared politicians smile, for they know how such things are done—and the part played therein by inspectors.

One of the alleged faults the political doctors find with Health Commissioner Kraft is that he is not a graduate of a modern medical school. But we notice that Dr. Abraham Flexner, in his report of his investigation for the Carnegie Foundation, says we possess three times as many doctors as the country needs and that more than two-thirds of the schools that are turning them out do not "give an effective education in medicine along modern lines." A skeptic isn't everything, it appears, for Dr. Flexner adds that what is needed is a reduction in the schools and an improvement in the OUTPUT.

At a banquet of the Westminster Civic club last Friday evening, Atty. A. J. Schmitz, the recent Democratic candidate for governor, said: "The Socialists seem to have managed fairly well. They have made taxes somewhat higher. So did we." It was neatly done, and looked like a near-boast. But this is tax-paying time and the people find themselves increasingly taxed. All that was necessary was to innocently drop a poison word to set many people to blaming the Social-Democrats. Mr. Schmitz knows that the taxes

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that are collected one year are based on the city budget that is made up the year before. He knows that the budget on which the present taxes are based was drawn up under the recent Rose administration. Consequently, he knew when he said, "they have made taxes somewhat higher,"

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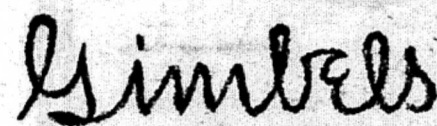
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that he was uttering an untruth, and having done it willingly, he was trying to fool the people.

Frederick Morehouse's letter in the Monday papers complimenting the street railway for at last providing extra cars at the proper hour to take care of the outpouring of the churches, is worth noting. He says the company is to be thanked for providing cars ONCE THE NEED HAS BEEN POINTED OUT TO IT. This is quite characteristic of the local street railway mismanagement, and points one of the criticisms of it. With a local manager, who gets a higher salary than the president of the United States, the service is left unmanaged. When the congestion tangle became intolerable it was the aldermen who had to show Beggs the way out. Even the colored lights (such as they were) to distinguish the lines, were proposed by business men. These are only samples. Airbrakes to save our people's lives, reforms in transfer hauls—if the people get anything of these, though the company is benefited, they must act up to get them. The "management" is so imbued with the spirit of skin every body that it cannot see its own advantage.

ages. To manage means to take advantage to dupe, to pursue the lines of sharp practice. The company will make added nickels by taking care of the church crowds, but it could not discover it of its record.

## COLUMBIA THEATRE

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